

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Ontario Provincial Council

2026 National Hospice Palliative Care Week May 3 – 9, 2026

Palliative Care EVERYWHERE

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The theme for 2026 is "Palliative Care Everywhere" as every family facing the challenges of a life-limiting illness deserves the best possible care and support. Whether in hospice, at home, in long-term care, or in hospital, palliative care can and should be available in any setting to meet individual needs. Let's come together to call for equitable access to quality hospice palliative care for every community, everywhere.

CWL Resolutions

League members, ***Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission***, study and implement the action plans for the resolutions below.

2025.04 Federal Government to Complete the Development of the Office of Palliative Care
urges the federal government to complete the development of the Office of Palliative Care to ensure early, universal and equitable access.

2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying
urge the federal government to legislate the designation of hospice/palliative care services in facilities to exclude medical assistance in dying.

2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service

urge the federal government: to identify palliative care as an insured health service covered under the Canada Health Act to develop a national strategy for uniform standards and delivery of palliative care as defined by the World Health Organization



"Blessed are the Poor"
2026-2027

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

Catechism of the Catholic Church

- See sections **2258–2330** (life, murder, abortion, euthanasia)
- Teaches that human life is sacred from conception to natural death